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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, WMO, EC

SUBJECT: WMO: POTENTIAL U.S. CANDIDATE FOR WMO SECRETARY GENERAL

REF: 77 STATE A-4947

1. EMBOFF MET WITH VICENTE GOMEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY AND ALSO THE GOE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO), TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF U.S. WMO REPRESENTATIVE DR. ROBERT WHITE FOR WMO SECRETARY GENERAL IN CASE THE INCUMBENT, DR. ARTHUR DAVIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, DECLINES TO RUN FOR A SIXTH FOUR-YEAR TERM.

2. WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND NOT PUTTING FORTH A FIXED GOE POSITION, GOMEZ OPINED THAT ALTHOUGH DAVIES HAD DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AS SECRETARY GENERAL, IT WAS TIME FOR A NEW SECRETARY GENERAL. GOMEZ OPPOSES A SPECIAL WMO RULE EXEMPTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW DAVIES TO RUN AGAIN.

3. AGAIN SPEAKING EXTRAOFFICIALLY, GOMEZ STATED THAT THE GOE ALONG WITH MOST OF LATIN AMERICA WOULD SUPPORT DR. WHITE.

4. SHOULD DR. WHITE DECIDE TO RUN FOR SECRETARY GENERAL, THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE A FORMAL APPROACH TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT THAT TIME.

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